



The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 27th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

I

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Money rewards to distinguished soldiers.

924 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the names of soldiers who have been granted money rewards instead of land grants and the total amount of expenditure incurred thereby ?

A.—The names of soldiers who have been already granted money rewards instead of the land granted to them for distinguished service in the late war are given in the list below. The charges in connexion with these money rewards are borne by the Central Government and this Government have no information regarding them.

List.

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| 1. Naik Madurappa Thevar. | 17. Sepoy Kondasami Nayudu. |
| 2. Sepoy Olaganathan. | 18. Subadar Narayanasami. |
| 3. " Ponnusami. | 19. Havildar Somasundaram. |
| 4. Naik Vijayarangam. | 20. " Chidambaram. |
| 5. Sepoy Annasami. | 21. Sepoy Marimuthu. |
| 6. " Patchappen. | 22. Subadar Subramoni. |
| 7. " Perumal. | 23. Havildar-Major V. N. Murugesan. |
| 8. " Ponnusami. | 24. Havildar Anthony. |
| 9. Lance-Naik Chinnappan. | 25. " Narayanasami. |
| 10. Sepoy Hussain Beg. | 26. Private Shaik Dawood. |
| 11. " Kotayya. | 27. " Chinniah. |
| 12. " Shaik Mahmud. | 28. Jamadar Palavesa Thevar. |
| 13. " Appadorai. | 29. Havildar Muthusami. |
| 14. Jamadar Ghulam Mohiuddin. | 30. Subadar Ramaswamy. |
| 15. Lance-Naik Sankarayya. | 31. Private Raman Nair. |
| 16. Naik Perumal. | 32. Havildar Chappuni Nair. |

Formation and closure of local boards since the advent of the new Ministry.

925 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) how many new municipalities and new union boards have been created since the formation of the Ministry and how many closed ; and

(2) from how many districts proposals for the formation of new municipalities and union boards were received, and how they have been disposed of with reasons, as far as possible, for the decision taken ?

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- 4.—(1) One municipality and one union were created. Two municipalities and 46 unions were abolished.
- (2) Proposals for the formation of new municipalities were received from four* districts and those for union boards from five† districts. Sanction was accorded for the constitution of one union board, but it was subsequently abolished. The other proposals were not approved mainly for the reason that public opinion was strongly against them. In some cases one or other of the following reasons prevailed :—
- (1) Impossibility of securing suitable councillors and chairman.
 - (2) Illiteracy and the agricultural nature of the population.
 - (3) The smallness of the extent and the population.

II

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The SECRETARY laid on the table a copy of the order of the hon. the President delegating his powers under the Standing Orders to the Deputy President.

Order by the Hon'ble the President dated the 26th March 1923.

Under Standing Order No. 79-A, I hereby delegate all my powers under the Standing Orders to the Deputy President, Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, to be exercised by him during my absence from Madras.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
President, Madras Legislative Council.

III

THE FINANCE AND RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEES.

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ Mr. President, in lieu of making the usual motion under Resolution No. 17 passed at the meeting of the 1st April 1921, I beg to make the motion standing in my name on the notice paper, namely—

That the Council do request the existing members of the Finance and the Retrenchment Committees to continue in the exercise of their functions.

These, as the Council are aware, are not statutory committees, although a majority of their members are elected by the House. The reason for which I make the suggestion that they should continue is that the members of the Finance Committee, having been constituted at the instance of the House into members of the Retrenchment Committee, are now in the midst of a very far-reaching enquiry, and it is important that they should continue without a change of personnel, which might involve the recommencement of a part or the whole of it. This is so in the case of the Retrenchment Committee only. As regards the Finance Committee, there is no reason why we should not elect the committee as usual, and I am quite ready to make a motion to that effect if such is the wish of the House; but it seems hardly worth while to do so since the amount of work that is likely to fall to be done

* South Kanara, Ramnadi, Salem and Vizagapatam.

† Coimbatore (Audiyur), Guntur, Tanjore, Chingleput and Madura.